Planning & Codes Department Memorandum 2008-34

TO: Honorable Mayor and Board of Commissioners

Planning Commission

THROUGH: Michael W. Walker, City Manager

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SUBJECT: Brentwood 2020 Plan Update – 2008 Progress Report

The most recent comprehensive update to the Brentwood 2020 Plan (dated November 2006) contains a new action step, "Implement a formal mechanism for a status report to the public on the implementation of the Goals and Objectives at least every two years. The report should summarize accomplishments to date and identify the areas of focus during the next two years based on the direction of the City Commission." The noted 2006 update to the Brentwood 2020 Plan includes a spreadsheet format for the reporting of progress on the fulfillment of plan objections, and also allows for the entry of ongoing issues that currently challenge the community. This noted spreadsheet was recently completed with the assistance of City staff from all operating departments, and forms the basis of this periodic report. The entire range of goals and objectives defined in the November 2006 update to the 2020 Plan are included, and new entries are shaded gray to assist in the review.

One component of the update relates to ongoing policy and planning issues that currently concern the City of Brentwood. A major issue occupying local efforts involves the protection of scenic vistas and open space. The recent implementation of new hillside protection mechanisms, use of perpetual scenic easements, and a comprehensive upgrade of lot development standards highlight City progress in meeting various land protection objections within the updated 2020 Plan. In addition, the City has made great strides in the provision of additional passive park land and the incremental addition of protected open space in residential subdivisions citywide. The update also details efforts related to historic preservation of cultural resources, such as Boiling Springs Academy and Primm Park. Other noted planning policy advances involve continued application of roadway connectivity in residential districts, new design review standards for townhouse development, and improved development review timelines that were enacted by the state legislature as prompted by the City of Brentwood. Commercial development policies are also noted in the update, such as the expansion of retail/service uses in office park districts and actions to facilitate the redevelopment of the Town Center district (i.e., new serving infrastructure, comprehensive parking strategies, etc.). Concluding policy considerations within the update include public fiscal issues as well as related policies and opportunities.

Another component of this update allows for reporting on special projects and long term capital improvements that engage a range of City departments. Immediate sewer improvement projects are detailed in the report, as well as long term water system upgrades and the preventive maintenance program (CMOM) which will ensure the long term quality of the City sewer system. The report affords a special section that updates the immediate and long term improvements of the community roadway network, including treatment of the new traffic operations center and signal control network. One related project involves the completion of a master transportation plan for the religious uses occupying the intersection of Concord and Franklin Roads. Other activities related to our transportation network include new gateway and directional wayfinding signage throughout the City, as well as continued progress in expanding Brentwood's network of pedestrian/bike trails. The report also considers the significant successes in developing a civic activities center at the Heritage Way/Concord Road corridor area (Williamson County Recreation Center, Martin Center, Brentwood Library, etc.).

In summary, the attached 2008 update report on the implementation of the Brentwood 2020 Plan outlines significant progress in addressing a wide range of issues that currently challenge the City into the future. Our goal with the annual status report is to aid you and others in the effective communication of progress to date with the public. After your review of the attachment, please direct any questions, comments or suggestions to the City Manager, or planning staff.